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LILY WHITES

PLAN TO TAKE PARTY SPOILS
Would Eliminate the Negro From
Republican Affairs in Georgia.

LEAGUE OF TAFT CLUBS
NUCLEUS OF ORGANIZATION

Argue That Passage of Disfranchisement
Law Has Destroyed the Use-
fulness of the Negro to the Party—
Some Suggested Appointments.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

Negroes will be eliminated from
holding office in Georgia under the
incoming Republican administration,
if the Taft clubs, organized in every
county in the state and compactly
formed into a state organization, has
any weight with President-elect Taft.

These clubs in each county and the
central organization are composed of
white men, there being no Negro in
the entire membership.

Already prominent Georgians are
being suggested to supplant the few
Negroes now holding office in this
state.

The increased strength of the Re-
publican party, it is being urged by
the Taft club members, was recruited
from the white citizens of Georgia
and not from the Negroes.

Effect of Disfranchisement Law.

In view of the disfranchisement
law, which goes into effect in Geor-
gia on January 1, 1909, thousands of
Negroes who voted this year will not
be able to stand the educational qual-
ification tests and will not be able to
vote the Republican ticket four years
hence, even if they wanted to, and the
fact that thousands in Georgia, it is
said, did not vote for Mr. Taft on
Tuesday, on account of the Brown-
sville episode, is being used already to
show Mr. Taft why he should appoint
all white Republicans to office in
Georgia this year.

This will mean that a fight is to
be made upon H. A. Rucker, the Ne-
gro collector of customs in Atlanta,
and J. H. Deveaux, the Negro collec-
tor of the port at Savannah, the only
large plums now being held by Ne-
groes.

With Taft clubs organized through-
out the state bringing pressure to
bear, it is believed weight will be
had with the president in making
these appointments.

Following closely upon the report
that Colonel Robert J. Lowry might
be given a portfolio in the cabinet of
Mr. Taft, other rewards for excellent
work done in the interest of Mr.
Taft's candidacy are being spoken of,
too.

Atlantans May Be Named.

Prominent among these is the sug-
gestion that Henry S. Jackson, presi-
dent of the Fulton County Taft Club,
and a hard worker in the interest of
Mr. Taft in Georgia, would be urged
for appointment to some high post of
honor in the diplomatic service.

Attorney William J. Tilson, of the
new firm of Tilson, Green & Mc-
Kinney, a member of the executive
committee of the Fulton County Taft
Club, vice president of the Georgia
Association of Taft Clubs, and one of
the hardest workers in the interest of
Mr. Taft's candidacy in the state, is
being suggested as the possible suc-
cessor to District Attorney F. Carter
Tate.

Mr. Tilson, like Judge Taft, claims
Yale as his alma mater, taking three
degrees, A. B., bachelor of law and
master of law, there during his seven-
year course, and it is known that
Judge Taft has a decided preference
for men who claim with him Yale as
his alma mater, all other things being
equal. Mr. Tilson is president of the
Yale Alumni Association of Georgia.

Attorney Fulton Colville, who did
active campaign work in the interest
of Mr. Taft by making speeches over
the state, and organizing, with Mr.
Tilson the Taft rally at the Lyceum
on the eve of the election, is being
prominently spoken of for the position
of collector of internal revenue for
Georgia.

The Taft supporters, too, urge that
in view of the vote piled up for Mr.
Taft in Chatham county that the Taft
Club will select a white man to be
urged to succeed Deveaux.

Harry Stillwell Edwards, postmas-
ter at Macon, is one of the foremost
members of the Taft organization and

is looked upon as a wheel horse in
that organization.

It is not believed that the new re-
gime will make a fight upon the old
party members, other than the Ne-
groes, and that United States Mar-
shal Walter H. Johnson and his lieutenants will continue strong in the Re-
publican party of Georgia.

Taft Club Organization.

The compactness with which the
Taft forces are organized is evidenced
by the list of officers and executive
committee of the State Association of
Taft Clubs, organized at Macon on
October 26 as follows:

Clark Grier, of Dublin, president.

William J. Tilson, of Atlanta, vice
president.

W. Jordan Massee, of Macon, sec-
retary.

J. B. Gaston, of Gainesville, sec-
retary.

Warren Edwards, of Milledgeville,
assistant secretary.

The executive committee chosen
consists of five from each congres-
sional district, as follows:

First District—Henry Blun, Sr.,
Savannah; S. Schartzweiss, Waynes-
boro; St. John Alexander, J. F. Flan-
ders, Swainsboro; W. T. Cooper, Syl-
vania.

Second District—J. Eugene Peter-
son, Fort Gaines; Fred W. Dismuke,
Thomasville; C. G. Lewis, Dawson;
E. O. Harrell, Tifton; M. Krause,
Bainbridge.

Third District—George E. Ricker,
Fitzgerald; C. W. Withoft, Fort Val-
ley; R. S. Middleton, Vienna; W. E.
Burch, Hawkinsville; F. G. Boat-
right, Cordele.

Fourth District—C. W. Moore,
Junction City; C. E. Smith, Carroll-
ton; C. M. Autrey, LaGrange; C. S.
Brown, Columbus; C. J. Jackson,
Greenville.

Fifth District—H. S. Jackson, At-
lanta; David Woodward, Atlanta;
Fulton Colville, Atlanta; E. R. Gunn,
Oxford; R. E. James, Douglassville.

Sixth District—H. S. Edwards,
Macon; R. L. Williams, Griffin; J. L.
Sibley, Milledgeville; B. A. Lifsey,
Barnesville; A. L. Barron, Clinton.

Seventh District—J. F. Fullwood,
Cedartown; Walter Ackerman, Car-
tersville; F. L. Dyar, Calhoun; J. A.
Crawford, Dalton; E. S. Anderson,
Ringgold.

Eighth District—J. A. Duncan,
Canon; H. M. Bird, Comer; C. L.
Robinson, Eatonton; G. W. Brooks
Lexington; J. E. Poche, Washing-
ton.

Tenth District—George P. Whig-
ham, Bartow; S. J. Fountain, Gor-
don; H. T. Beckham, Mayfield; B. B.
Barksdale, Norwood; S. B. Vaughan,
Augusta.

Eleventh District—H. T. Dunn,
Brunswick; J. M. Outler, Dublin; B.
A. Griffin, Brooks county; J. H.
Boone, Jeff Davis county; Dr. J. F.
Hall, Montgomery county.

BUSINESS MEN'S BANQUET.

President W. Sidney Pittman,
president of the local Negro Business
League, in conjunction with the
Executive Committee will arrange for
a banquet of the Negro business men
of the city to take place some time
during the holiday season. This ban-
quet will be one of the largest and
most representative that has ever
taken place. It will be the object of
the League to give these banquets an-
nually for the purpose of bringing
the larger business men in closer re-
lation with each other.

It is the purpose of President Pit-
tman to have at least two hundred
financial business men, active mem-
bers of the local organization.

The regular meeting of the local
League will be held some time short-
ly, and it is the wish of the president
that every member be present and
bring with him two or three new
members. It will be necessary that
members pay up to get themselves on
the financial roll.

ELMER DOVER.

The colored voters of the country
would be pleased to see Hon. Elmer
Dover, of Ohio, in the Cabinet. It
was he who brought the Ohio colored
Americans into line. We all believe
in Mr. Dover.

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Commissioner West

REAPPOINTED BY THE PRESI-
DENT—FAITHFUL SERVICE.

Hon. H. L. West, Commissioner of
the District of Columbia, has been in-
formed by the President that he is
to be reappointed.

There is no man in public life who
has endeavored to serve the people of
this city more faithfully than Mr.
West. Mr. West has been fearless in
the discharge of his duties, although

Call Their Hand

FALSE CLAIMS OF NEGRO
INDEPENDENTS—MAJOR
DOUGLASS CALLS FOR A
SHOWDOWN—WITHOUT
INFLUENCE AND DIDN'T
DELIVER THE GOODS.

Editor The Bee:

"The National Negro American
Political League, U. S. A." through
its principal officers claimed a voting
following for Bryan of 200,000 Ne-



COMMISSIONER H. L. WEST WHO WILL BE REAPPOINTED BY
THE PRESIDENT



HON. ELMER D. DOVER, OF OHIO.

identified with the Democratic party
and it is the custom to appoint a
commissioner of opposite politi-
cal faith, he knows no man by the color
of his skin. Every citizen, high or
low, rich or poor, receives the same
treatment and consideration at his
hands. He is popular with the citi-
zens of Washington, irrespective of
political faith, color or condition.

During his incumbency in office his
honesty and integrity have been and
are above suspicion. President Roose-
velt, in the reappointment of Mr.
West, evidences his confidence in a
worthy official.

The colored citizens certainly ap-
preciate and indorse the action of the
President in the reappointment of
Commissioner West.

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of receipts. Speak out! Who got it?
Who was in the grand divide? Let
the people know.

You will remember that I am one
of the "I told you so" prophets, for
early in the campaign I claimed that
the men who were at the head of
this movement to carry the Negroes
into the Democratic party were with-
out influence, and could not deliver
the goods. Nobody believed they had
any serious concern about the dis-
missed Negro battalion, else they
would not be asking the race to sup-
port the very men, and party respon-
sible for the Brownsville affair.

Chas. R. Douglass.

NEGRO VOTERS DID THEIR PART.

So Declares Collector Rucker Con-
cerning Vote Cast Tuesday.

From the Atlanta, Ga., Constitution.

Issue is taken by some of the Negro
Republicans of the state at the for-
mal announcement of the Republican
state campaign committee, sent out
from Macon on Wednesday, in which
the intimation was strongly made that
the Republican vote in the state was
larger than usual, and that the Ne-
groes were not materially represented
in the total.

Collector of Internal Revenue H.
A. Rucker makes the following state-
ment:

Atlanta, Ga., November 6, 1908—
Editor Constitution: Your paper of
yesterday, the 5th, contains the fol-
lowing:

"The Republican campaign com-
mittee in Georgia was greatly elated
over the result, and yesterday gave
out, from headquarters in Macon, the
following statement:

Indications now point to a Bryan
majority of 5,000, or less, State gave
Parker 37,000 in 1904. We claim
greatest victory of campaign, as the
fight was made without aid of outside
or speakers, and with the Negro not
voting. Had the registered Negro
vote been cast, the state would have
given Taft a majority over all. It
was a white man's fight, and result
makes Georgia battleground in 1912.
The people generally are pleased over
Taft's election."

The campaign committee and all
other Republicans are elated over the
vote we have been able to give Mr.
Taft in this state. However, many
of us are disappointed because it was
not much larger than reported.

We fully expected Mr. Taft's vote
to exceed that of Mr. McKinley in
1896. And with the colored men rally-
ing as they did, it is surprising this is
not true.

The ninth district, where the Re-
publican vote is largely white, has
done equally as well, if not better,
than it did in 1896, and this is also
true of the seventh district. But out-
side of these districts the majorities
for Mr. Taft were given in the black
counties, wards and precincts. These
counties are Appling, Baldwin, Chat-
ahoochee, Camden, Greene, Liberty
McIntosh, Screven and Webster—the
first and fourth wards of this city and
Collins and South Bend districts in
this county. The vote of the fourth
ward alone for Mr. Taft in this coun-
ty was within 57 votes of the entire
vote given him in Bibb county, where
the campaign committee had head-
quarters. Still it is alleged, as given
out from these headquarters, that the
Negro did not vote and that "it was
a white man's fight." It seems to me
that this is a gratuitous misrepresen-
tation of the facts, which can be easily
proven. I admit that many Negroes
did not vote because they were under
the impression that they were already
disfranchised by the amendment
adopted at the state election in Octo-
ber. When this became known many
of us essayed to inform them, but this
might have been done more effective-
ly by the committee.

I hope it is the purpose of the com-
mittee to be fair, and knowing the
different counties of the state, as they
must, if they will carefully, or even
casually review the vote published in
your paper, they will change their
conclusion that the Negro did not vote
or come up with the proof to sustain
it.

Very respectfully,

H. A. Rucker.

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PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

William Carver, who invented and
obtained a patent for bottling sun-
shine, died in this city, last Monday.
He was more than seventy-three years
of age. He died before making his
invention of practical use.

Natural causes were assigned by
the coroner for the sudden death of
Rebecca Johnson, colored, and eighty
years of age.

The famous French dramatist, M.
Victorien Sardou died in Paris early
last Sunday morning, of congestion of
the lungs. He was sixty-seven years
of age.

The forty-second annual session of
the National Grange, Patrons of Hus-
bandry, met here last Wednesday,
and will continue until the latter part
of next week.

Nat. C. Goodwin, the comedian,
was wedded to his leading lady, Miss
Edna Goodrich, in Boston, at noon,
last Sunday. He has been married
four times, and just ten years have
elapsed between each time.

The supply of fish is said to be
greater at this season than it has been
in similar seasons for a number of
years.

The Post Office Department has at
its disposal \$12,000 to be used in
publishing the new street directory of
the principal cities of the United
States.

A large tobacco factory in Nor-
folk, Virginia, which has been idle
many months, has opened with bright
prospects.

It is predicted that fully a "million"
men will be added to the labor cause
by the beginning of 1909.

From the many sections of the U.
S., comes the report that business will
begin to boom, now that the people
have made their presidential selection.

There will be a half dozen employ-
ed by the health department of the
District, and there will be eight places
to be filled. Examinations to fill the
vacancies will be held the 7th of next
month.

Applicants for positions under the
District must be between twenty-one
and forty-five years of age and bona
fide residents for not less than three
years prior to date of examination,
and must have been engaged in some
"business, trade, or profession" in the
District for one year.

The international secretary of the
Y. M. C. A., made an address last
Sunday afternoon. His subject was
"The Bible."

The M street High School foot ball
team was at Harper's Ferry last Sat-
urday and defeated Storer College
team by 10 to 0.

Mr. Henderson, of Howard Univer-
sity, was field judge in the game be-
tween M-St. High School and Storer
College last Saturday.

Major William E. Gilbert, of Lau-
rel, Md., laid the cornerstone of the
new colored Methodist Church, of
Laurel, last Sunday afternoon.

The annual report of the District
Commissioners is to be illustrated.
Photographs of all buildings, bridges,
streets, sewers, and of everything
which has been constructed are being
prepared for the report by Mr. Mor-
ton F. Leopold.

King Edward has just celebrated
the 67th anniversary of his birth.

The shooting of Postmaster Mor-
gan in New York City, by a supposed
mad-man, last Monday morning, was
a most unfortunate occurrence.

The killing of former Senator E.
W. Carmack last Monday, has stirred
the entire state of Tenn.

Prof. W. S. Scarborough, who has
been acting as president of Wilber-
force University, has been selected
as regular president by the Executive
Board.

MORE COMPLAINTS.

The Bee is in receipt of several
more complaints against certain un-
derstrappers in the schools who im-
agine that they are high priests and
the teachers their subjects. There
are certain principals who domineer
over teachers and speak insultingly
to them because they are in authority.

Just why so many married women
are placed in the schools over young
single girls, the Bee is at a loss to
state. Their appointments should be
subjects for investigation, by the
Board of Education.